

Torrance, California
September 19, 1950

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, September 19, 1950, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. Also present were City Manager Stevens and Mr. James Montgomery, Consulting Engineer relative to the proposed consolidation of the water districts.

All persons participated in the salute to our Flag.

This being an Adjourned Regular Meeting, Mayor Haggard announced the regular order of business would be dispensed with and that the time had come for the public hearing on the proposed bond issue of two million dollars to improve our water system.

Commander Mason, of Hollywood Riviera asked that the letters submitted by the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Association and Seaside Riviera Civic Council be read prior to a discussion of the issue. The letters referred to, both protesting the placing of the bond issue on the November ballot, were read by the City Clerk, following which many questions were asked of Mr. Montgomery by Commander Mason, and Mr. R. H. Blakeley, with particular reference as to how their districts -- Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos -- would be benefited. Mr. Cummings, of General Petroleum expressed interest in the rates which would be necessary to retire such bonds and he was advised that phase had not yet been studied.

There being no other questions, the audience was assured that the matter would not appear on the November ballot and Mayor Haggard declared the hearing closed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from the Torrance Planning Commission urging that the Council take immediate steps to place the matter of the re-alignment of the Torrance-Redondo Beach boundary line on the ballot of the next election. Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur with the recommendation and that the City Attorney be requested to draft the necessary resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2092

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE FIRM OF O'MELVENY & MYERS AS BOND COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE CALLING OF A BOND ELECTION FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2092. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2093

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY DEMAND THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT, AND MAKING FINDINGS RELATING THERETO.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2093. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens advised the Council that at the next meeting there would be two resolutions to be adopted relative to the South Torrance Sewer District, and that the resolutions would have to be recorded in full in the minutes.

Councilman Blount moved that the privileges taken away from the certain City employees who were associated with a Communistically controlled union, as per his motion of August 8th, be restored to such employees as they had disassociated themselves from that particular union. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale made three recommendations for investigation by the Traffic Commission: (1) 4-way stop at Arlington and Sepulveda; (2) 2-way stop at 171st and Yukon; and (3) 1-way traffic in alleys with parking allowed on one side.

Councilman Powell reminded everyone of two coming events -- the opening of the high-school football season and the Police Show, and urged that everyone support the youth of Torrance by attending the Show and as many football games as possible throughout the season. In connection with this, Councilman Drale reminded the group that on Friday, September 22nd, the Lions Club was sponsoring "Booster Day", in support of the opening of the highschool football season.

Councilman Powell moved that a note of encouragement be sent to the City Attorney as he has had a slight set-back following his operation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Chief Stroh asked that the Traffic Commission meet next Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. He also reminded the audience that Saturday was "National Kids Day", sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

The question was raised as to what was to be done, during the absence of the City Attorney, with court matters coming up for prosecution and Chief Stroh advised two cases last week had been continued and that a jury trial was scheduled for next Tuesday. Discussion followed and City Manager Stevens was instructed to employ an attorney to take care of whatever kind of emergency might arise until such time as the City Attorney could resume his duties.

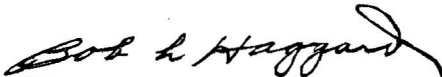
Councilman Powell moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Powell asked that the Traffic Commission view the intersection at Hawthorne and Sepulveda to see what the State has done.

At 8:47 p.m., on motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Spelman, and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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